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## Soviet Artitlery Practice at Kaech'on (Kaisen)

1. between 21 May and 20 June the Soviet Army in North Korea engaged in articlery practice at Keech'on (Kelsen) (125-58, 39-40). Approximately 1200 Soviet troops participated and 40 artitlery pieces of various sizes were used. The officer in charge of these maneuvers was Colonel Koinokopu (모이노모브) (transliteration of the Russian name from the Korean.) Koinokopu was formerty the commanuer of an artitlery unit in Sarivon (Shariin) (129-44, 38-30). He was recently promoted to Colonel.

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2. During June, preparations for holding artitlery practice were made in the Puxan ong (nokusel) (128-18, AU-14) area. (Shanghal Mote: See paragraph 9). between 2000 and 3000 articlary troops and many articlery pieces and tabas were assembled in this area.

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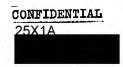
- 4. More than 8000 Konean troops participated in these maneuvers. All of these trooms had ned over one year's training in a Peace Preservation Corps Officers School.
- The broops perticipating in the maneuvers appeared to be those regularly stationed at the schools plus a small number of staff officers from the various Peace Preservation Corps troops (Po An Tae--bo An Dai 保安) and a small number of staff officers from the Railway Constabular (Chrolto Kyöngulaae-Teismov Keibitei 鉄道 警備隊

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- 6. Students of universities and middle schools in North Korea were requested to take part in the military maneuvers but, because of the objections of the Education Bureau (Hangmu Yuk-Gakumu Kyoku ), they did not participate.
- 7. The troops were divided into sections, with 30 men in each section. One (Korean) officer was assigned to each section.
- 8. Most of the sections engaged in infantry exercises. Target practice was held and rifles of the Japanese M-38 type were used. Many of the sections were equipped with machine guns, some of which were of German make.
- 9. Four hundred soldiers from an artillery unit attached to the General Headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps in Nanam (Ranan) (129-41, 41-42) engaged in artillery maneuvers near ukch'ong (Hokusei). The troops had 13 field artillery pieces of Japanese design which, however, were not fired because of a shortage of ammunition. The officer in charge of the maneuvers at Pukch'ong was General of ammunition.

10. A Soviet major-general attended the maneuvers at Pukchiong.

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